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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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For: **TACKIFIED THERMOPLASTIC-EPOXY
PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Reply follows the Office Action mailed September 26, 2000, and
accompanies a Request for Continuing Examination.

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Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending.

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as purportedly
anticipated by J.P. Derwent Abst. XP002118060 ('060 reference) appears to be
withdrawn.

Rejections over J.P. Derwent Absts. XP002118058 ('058 reference) appear to
be withdrawn.

Applicants note that claim 14 does not appear to be subject to any rejection and
request clarification or allowance of that claim.

Claims 1, 2, 7-10, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as
purportedly unpatentable over any of J.P. Derwent Absts. XP002118059 ('059
reference) or XP002118060 ('060 reference). Applicants respectfully traverse.

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